

THE STATE OF BLACK AMERICA

- The population of Black America is 46,800 million people: **14%** of the total U.S. population of 331 million.
- **18.8%** of Black Americans live below the poverty line.
- **36%** of Black American households are led by single parents; mothers (**32%**) and fathers (**6%**).
- Black students with disabilities are often low income and disproportionately placed in Special Education, e.g., in California Black students represent **6%** of the total population but **9%** are in Special Education.
- Black people have the **highest unemployment rate (6%)** in the country.
- The national incarceration rate for Black adults and young adult males is **33%**.
- The school suspension rate across the country for Black students is **63%**.
- Black Americans have a **20%** higher rate of chronic illness than all other ethnic groups.
- The rate of the COVID Virus is **30%** higher in the Black community than the general population.
- The Black infant mortality rate is **50%** higher than the white population.

Sources: 2020 Census, 2019 Pew Research Center, Center for Disease Control, American Medical Association, and Department of Health & Human Services, Office of Minority Health (OMH)M 2020., and lao.ca.gov. reports 2019.

OUR VISION

Village Keepers envisions a world where life sustaining resources are a 'right' and available to help all families and individuals become self-sufficient and prosper, especially Black and other disenfranchised people.

MISSION

The Mission of Village Keepers, Inc. is to provide essential services to support families and to develop and coordinate a network of Black nonprofit and profit organizations, individuals and allies dedicated to ensuring the health education and welfare of African American families and others impacted by racism and poverty within East and Central Contra Costa County, CA.

GOAL

The goal is to prevent or reduce health disparities; improve the safety, education, emotional well-being, and economic stability of disenfranchised Black families and others so they will survive and thrive.

OBJECTIVES

- Provide essential services to support family stability and prosperity.
- Form partnerships and collaborations with individuals, churches, businesses, civic groups; corporations and government organizations that promote the well-being of Black families and other disenfranchised communities.

- Provide education for community involvement, organization, and empowerment.

SERVICES

- Emergency food, clothing, shelter, transportation
- Pro-active Parenting Education
- Family Wellness Center (basic medical screening, health & mental health education, and counseling)
- Black Family Support Networks
- Rites of Passage Life Skills Training Program (youth & adults)
- Scholarships (academic & vocational)
- Black History (classes & exhibits)
- Cultural Diversity (classes & exhibits)
- Job Preparation (resume writing, interviewing skills, referrals)
- Money Management (budgeting, saving)

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION & EMPOWERMENT (classes/seminars/workshops)

- Social Justice & Public Policy
- Community Safety
- Family Preservation
- Healthcare Equity
- Equity in Education
- Economic Equity
- Resource Development

PARTICIPANTS

Families and individuals who believe they can benefit from the services listed. **Participants can be self-referred** and do not have to be involved with county social services or the court system to receive services.

HOURS

Monday through Friday

COST

Services are based on a sliding fee scale.

Services are provided from an Afrocentric cultural perspective and Black professionals who have expertise in the service areas listed.

All information is kept confidential in compliance with State/Federal HIPPA Laws that protect client privacy.

**Call for Appointments,
Class Schedules, and
Medical Screening Sites
925) 787-4827**

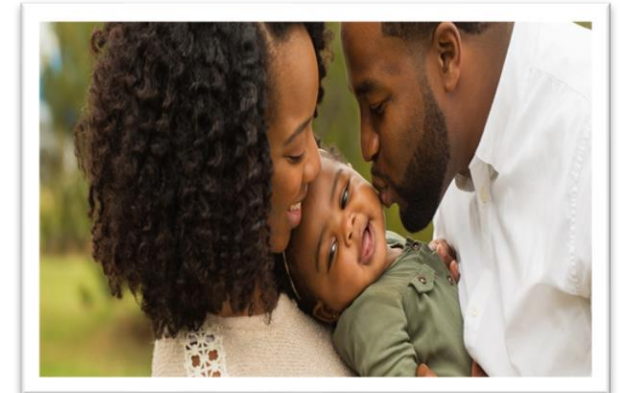
FUNDING

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John Muir Community Health Fund



CALENDAR

DECEMBER	Kwanzaa Celebration
JANUARY	Martin Luther King Holiday
FEBRUARY	Black History Month
MAY	Mental Health Awareness Month
JUNE	Juneteenth Holiday Black Music Month Unity in the Community
JULY	Minority Mental Health Awareness Month
AUGUST	Neighborhood Night Out African American Baby Shower
OCTOBER	Cancer Awareness Month



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